

Please Support CCLT

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*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

For Colorado's conservation community, the past eight months have been very challenging. We've seen negative media coverage, extensive enforcement efforts, and a high-profile legislative debate put focus on abuses of Colorado's conservation easement program. While the mainstream conservation community wasn't responsible for these abuses, the negative attention required a strong response.

The Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts was there. Focused... decisive... aggressive... strategic. CCLT rose to the challenge. Our efforts included:

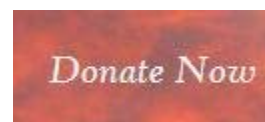
- Behind-the-scenes efforts to convene the Colorado Conservation Easement Tax Credit Task Force and communicate with top policymakers.
- Energetic and effective support for conservation easement reform legislation at the Colorado Capitol -- for the second year in a row.
- Media and public outreach to ensure that isolated abuses didn't overshadow the great work being done day in and day out by Colorado conservation community.
- Continued efforts to address and resolve issues around overreaching IRS audits that have failed to distinguish between good and bad conservation easements.
- Keeping you, the conservation community and supporters up to speed on the latest developments, and showing you how to make a positive impact on the debate.

**Bottom line: You can count on CCLT.**

Unfortunately, the challenges are not over. The issue of the IRS audits is not resolved. Investigations and enforcement actions related to possible

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abuses are ongoing. Media coverage that highlights isolated cases of questionable easements continues. Meanwhile, CCLT needs to help its members adapt to the new legislative landscape. CCLT helped passed important reform legislation this year. Now we need to make sure it is implemented appropriately.

We will continue to focus on these issues, as well as on our historic role as a source for leadership, advocacy, education and outreach for land conservation in Colorado. But we need your help.

Please support us in this work by making a donation today. To make a donation, simply click on "[Donate Now](#)" and select the method you wish to use.

The conservation community knows that it can count on CCLT. We know that we can count on you. **Thank you for your support.**

Sincerely,



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